
We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

*Affirmation of Faith (from *Our Song of Hope*)

**We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord.
 God will renew the world through Jesus,
 who will put all unrighteousness out,
 purify the works of human hands,
 and perfect our fellowship in divine love.
 Christ will wipe away every tear; death shall be no more.
 There will be a new heaven and a new earth,
 and all creation will be filled with God's glory.**

*Song: "In the Day of the Lord"

LUYH 485:1,2,3,6

We are Sent with God's Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"

LUYH 921

Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Guitar: Jaren Brue

Drums: Tom Clark ♦ Vocalist: Rebecca DeVries ♦ Reader: Jim Schaap

Sound: Kayt Frisch ♦ Projection: Mark Horstman ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Epiphany

The story of the Bible ends with the picture of a cosmic wedding, of God's people in perfect union with God for eternity. Our future hope rests in the eager expectation that all things will be made right. This confident hope, in turn, shapes the way we live now. As we live with a posture of wonder, of defiance, and of diligence, so too we live with a posture of anticipation. This anticipation does not cause us to ignore the troubles of this world but rather frees us to live with wholehearted devotion to the Kingdom of God.

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

-Julian of Norwich

"I'm past patiently waitin'! I'm passionately smashin' every expectation / Every action's an act of creation... I'm not throwin' away my shot. "

-Hamilton

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Collect

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
**O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**
**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

*Song of Praise: "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah" LUYH 518

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song of Praise: "Lord Most High" LUYH 593

We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
we confess that too often we have failed to live as citizens of your kingdom.

Open our eyes,
that we may see you in the ones we say we love.
Open our ears,
that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.
Open our mouths,
that we may speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.
Open our hands,
that we may be generous to those in need.
Open our hearts,
that we may desire to follow Jesus in full obedience to your will and your way.

We pray, trusting in your forgiveness and in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in paths of justice and righteousness.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 65:17-25 p.1164

Song of Assurance: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" LUYH 443:1,2,4

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Come, Lord Jesus"

***Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus:
come and be born in our hearts.
Come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel:
come and be born in our hearts.***

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Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Revelation 21 p.1937

Sermon: "The Reigning King" Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

*Song of Response: "Give Me Jesus" LUYH 423

We Offer our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Missions Fund which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another